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MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

APPROVED: April 4, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Angelucci, Chairman, Public Member James Greene, DE Volunteer Fireman's Association Member Tim Winstead, State Lottery Office Member Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon McDowell, Vice Chair, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Robert Willard, Deputy Attorney General Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer Childears, Administrative Specialist II LaToya Stephens, Administrative Specialist II

PUBLIC PRESENT

Raymond Westrod – Milford Lions
Willard Meck – Milford Lions
Jack Vogel – Harrington Fire Company
Larry Weinstein – Atlantic Bingo Supply
Wayne English – Atlantic Bingo Supply

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Angelucci called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of February 7, 2013. Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greene, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to amend the agenda to add the Townsend Fire Company under Raffle Applications, item 4.8.6. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FINAL DENIALS - NONE

Re-Review of Contingent Approvals and PTD Applications - None

Gaming Seminar Update

The gaming seminars were scheduled for March 14, 2013 at 6 p.m. and March 28, 2013 at 10 a.m. Ms. McAtee stated that the total number of registrants for the March 28, 2013 seminar exceeded the capacity of the conference room she had reserved. The Board agreed to move the March 28, 2013 seminar date to March 25, 2013 at 10 a.m. Ms. McAtee stated that she would contact all of the registrants for that date to let them know of the change.

<u>Proposed Amendment to Rules 3.10 and 4.11 in 10 DE Admin. Code 101 – Public Hearing Scheduled for March 7, 2013</u>

Mr. Willard stated that both proposed amendments were published in the March 2013 Register of Regulations. The public hearing for proposed amendments to Rules 3.10 and 4.11 was scheduled for April 4, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Mr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger to enter executive session at 1:08 p.m. to discuss an upcoming Board member change. The motion carried unanimously. The Board returned from executive session at 1:12 p.m.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Greene stated that he received an inquiry from Senator Ennis concerning a background check requirement for non-profit members that conducted Bingo. Mr. Willard stated that he did not hear of this proposed legislative change and that he would review the proposed Bill. Mr. Greene requested that Mr. Willard provide an update to Mr. Ennis on his findings. Mr. Greene stated that he did not recall voting on an item of this nature.

Delegation of Authority

Indian River Senior Center

Ms. McAtee stated that Ms. McDowell approved a change to an already permitted event for the Indian River Senior Center due to a clerical error. Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead to ratify the change. The motion carried unanimously

Review of Applications for Texas Hold'Em Tournaments - None

Review of Applications for Charitable Gaming Events

Association for Human Rights Foundation

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Charitable Gaming application of the Association for Human Rights Foundation. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greene, to propose to deny the Charitable Gaming application because the Board lacked the statutory authority to approve online Charitable Gaming events. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Angelucci stated that the Board had received requests in the past for online events and they had never approved them because the Board did not have the statutory authority to approve such events.

Review of Applications for Instant Bingo Events - None

Review of Applications for Bingo Events

Dover Lionesses Club

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Bingo application of the Dover Lionesses Club. After discussion, Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to approve the Bingo application contingent upon receiving a letter clarifying which specific charity or charities the funds would be donated to. The motion carried unanimously.

Kiwanis Club of Seaford

Seaside Jewish Community Inc.

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Bingo applications of the Kiwanis Club of Seaford and the Seaside Jewish Community Inc. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greene, to approve the Bingo applications. The motion carried unanimously.

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Review of Applications for Raffles

Salesianum School

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Raffle application of the Salesianum School. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greene, to approve the Raffle application. The motion carried unanimously.

Delaware Italian-American Education Association

Milford Lions Club Service Foundation

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Raffle applications of the Delaware Italian-American Education Association, Milford Lions Club Service Foundation, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to approve the Raffle applications. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Requests to Amend Previously Approved Event

Laurel Lionesses Club

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the request to amend a previously approved event submitted by the Laurel Lionesses Club. The Laurel Lionesses Club requested to change their Bingo prize listing in response to a recent inspection. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Inclement Weather/State of Emergency Requests - None

Approval of Licensure List - None

Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued

Ms. Williams-Coger read aloud the Charitable Gaming ratification list. Mr. Winstead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger to ratify the Charitable Gaming licensure of the Midway Lions, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 2 Sussex County, Rehoboth Beach Lions Foundation, Seaford Lions Foundation, Friends for Rescue and Pet Care, and Homeless Cat Helpers. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Ms. Williams-Coger read aloud the Bingo ratification list. Mr. Winstead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger to ratify the Bingo licensure of the Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Bowers Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Cape Henlopen Senior Center, Our Lady of Fatima, Lewes Senior Center, Laurel Lioness, Delaware Veterans Post #2, Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Oak Orchard American Legion 28, Pot Nets Home Owners Association, Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540, Bowers Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Friends for Rescue and Pet Care, Middletown Moose Lodge #1295, and Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson Post 3792. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearings/Consent Agreements

Complaint 22-01-13

Mr. Angelucci stated that the Board received one new complaint, 22-01-13, and it had been assigned to Ms. Williams-Coger

Complaint Assignments and Updates - None

Inspection Reports

Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540 (Bingo)

Dover Elks Lodge #1903 (Bingo)

American Legion Post #2 Walter L. Fox (Bingo)

Frederica Volunteer Fire Company (Bingo)

Newark Elks Lodge #2281 (Bingo)

Knights of Columbus Christopher Council #3182 (Charitable Gaming)

Milford Lions Club (Raffle)

Mr. Angelucci stated that Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540, Dover Elks Lodge #1903, American Legion Post #2 Walter L. Fox, Frederica Volunteer Fire Company, Newark Elks Lodge #2281, Knights of Columbus Christopher Council #3182, and the Milford Lions Club were recently inspected. There was no discussion.

Responses to Inspection Letters of Concern/Warning - None

Review of Ebot Ticket Dispenser

Larry Weinstein introduced himself for the Board and provided some background information on the Bingo industry.

Mr. Weinstein explained how the Ebot Ticket Dispenser operated and how the machine simply read the bar code printed on individual tickets dispensed by the machine. He stated that the ticket would be presented on the machine's screen. The player would be provided the same information on the pre-printed ticket that was viewed on the screen and that the element of winning the game was in the pre-printed ticket and not in the machine. Mr. Weinstein concluded that this new machine had added bells and whistles to the same machine that had been used by non-profits under the Instant Bingo license in the State of Delaware for some time. Mr. Weinstein holds licenses in ten states and liked to present a new machine to the appropriate state Board before selling them in a state. Mr. Weinstein does not sell Instant Bingo machines or tickets to non-profits that do not have an active Instant Bingo license. Mr. Angelucci stated that this was an informational session and that nothing had changed except the machine had become more updated. The Board did not need to conduct a vote since they license Instant Bingo permits to the individual non-profit organizations. The Board was now aware of this new piece of equipment and it was just an improvement in what already was used. Mr. Angelucci suggested that when Mr. Weinstein approached non-profit organizations that he ensured that they understood that this machine would not forgo their Instant Bingo permit. The Board thanked Mr. Weinstein for the demonstration.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. McAtee stated that she received a question relating to "Bar Bingo." The non-profit organization wanted to know if they could play "Bar Bingo" under their Instant Bingo license. Mr. Willard read the definition of Instant Bingo and compared the "Bar Bingo" game to the definition and concluded that the two did not match. After discussion and review, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greene for Ms. McAtee to compose and send a letter responding that the "Bar Bingo" game did not match the Board's Instant Bingo Rules and Regulations, and therefore could not be played under their Instant Bingo license.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Westrod and Mr. Meck from the Milford Lions requested more information regarding their recent inspection report.

Mr. Angelucci explained the history of the gaming inspection process and reviewed their recent inspection report.

Mr. Angelucci stated that the Board did not have the ability to license out of state Raffle events. Mr. Meck stated that they had been holding this raffle for about 25 years. Mr. Angelucci stated that was the purpose of conducting inspections so that all non-profit organizations were brought into compliance with the Board's Rules and Regulations. Mr. Willard stated that the Statute was listed next to the violation and stated:

§ 1130. Power to license. (a) The Board may license an organization as defined in article II, § 17A or § 17B of the state Constitution to conduct the games, provided the organization is located in and seeks to conduct the game in a district which has approved the licensing of games by referendum.

Mr. Willard stated that according to the statute, the Raffle had to take place in the State of Delaware. Mr. Westrod stated that their organization received a lot of money from out of state and they would have to discontinue the Raffle with the statute as written. Mr. Angelucci suggested that Mr. Meck and Mr. Westrod petition their State representatives in order to change the statute since the Board did not have the ability to change it. The change recommendation would probably be better received if the language came from a State representative(s) versus the Board. Mr. Willard stated that the Board's legislation had already been submitted to the Sunset Committee.

Mr. Vogel from the Harrington Fire Company asked for that status of his application. Ms. McAtee stated that she would check for him after the meeting concluded.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is April 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda McAtee

Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.